

**A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY  
LEGISLATORS DIXON, LORIGO, & RATH**

**Re: Memorializing the Month of September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month**

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection report that cancer is the leading cause of death by disease among U.S. children between infancy and age 15 with more than 11,000 cases detected each year in the United States; and

WHEREAS, one in five of our nation's children loses his or her battle with cancer and many more of our infants, children and teens will suffer from long-term side effects of comprehensive treatment, including secondary cancers; and

WHEREAS, progress towards an effective treatment for this terrible condition is painfully slow with dramatically fewer new FDA approved treatments for childhood cancer approved each year than for cancer in adults; and

WHEREAS, the designation of October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month has dramatically increased the rate of early detection, led to newer and improved treatments, and an overall higher survival rate for women diagnosed with the condition; and

WHEREAS, this honorable body wishes to support the fight against childhood cancer in any way possible so that we may give these children afflicted with such a terrible condition the best chance possible; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has, this past August, similarly dedicated the month of September as National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in the honor of the young patients, their loved ones, and all those who support them; and

WHEREAS, "Gold in September" is an initiative intended to raise awareness of the issue of childhood cancers, similar to the pink ribbons in October to promote breast cancer awareness, and this body would like to support such a campaign to help raise awareness

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that this honorable body hereby recognizes the month of September to be known as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in Erie County; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that this honorable body encourages participation in "Gold in September" initiatives, including lighting of building exteriors in gold and gold ribbon programs; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to the Hon. Mark Poloncarz and all parties deemed necessary and proper.

**Fiscal Impact: None**